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1. Amizade

Special, 2012

Introduction

Amizade has been empowering individuals and communities through worldwide service and learning since 1994.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Amizade's programmes encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships through the organizations 16 community partnerships and seek to encourage global citizenship among the nearly four hundred students, faculty and volunteers who have partnered with the organization.

Significant changes in the organization

Amizade has added community partnerships in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to its membership.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Amizade works to empower youth and support their opportunities to learn, and to empower and support women in developing countries through various projects and partnerships. Amizade's programmes include: Community-Driven Service, Deliberate Learning, Intercultural Immersion and Exchange, Consideration of Global Citizenship, and Reflective Inquiry.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives participated at the 51st session of the Commission for Social Development.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Among many activities, Amizade has:

- pioneered a Fair Trade Learning model which recognises that individuals should be offered fair working conditions and compensation, hold significant voice in programming and be offered professional development opportunities.
- Organised youth summer camps and afterschool programming in Petersfield, Jamaica.
- established youth leadership development programmes in Bolivia and Peru.
- provided education for at-risk youth in Northern Ireland.
- conducted creative learning and critical thinking camps in Tanzania.

- constructed a library and community computer resource centre in Ghana.
- constructed a high school, community centre, and building improvements in rural Bolivia.
- supported a centre for youth with disabilities in Bolivia.
- partnered with the DORCAS women's group in Trinidad and Tobago and house mother collectives in Jamaica.

2. Amnesty International

Special, 1964

Introduction

Amnesty International (AI) is a movement of over 7 million supporters in 150 countries working to end violations of human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AI undertakes research and action focused on preventing and ending grave violations of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments, addresses governments, intergovernmental organizations and other stakeholders and urges governments to abide by their human rights obligations and commitments.

Significant changes in the organization

AI launched regional hubs in Mexico City, Nairobi, Hong Kong SAR of China, Johannesburg, and Dakar.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AI's main contribution to the work of the United Nations is submission to human rights bodies, information about human rights in relation to country situations and thematic issues, including maternal health/sexual and reproductive rights; counter-terrorism; housing; water/ sanitation; international justice; torture/ill-treatment; extrajudicial killings; freedom of expression and assembly; discrimination; refugee and migrant rights, and corporate accountability.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AI attends, actively participates and contributes to discussions in various United Nations fora, addressing such priorities as: human rights in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); human rights in peacekeeping mandates; global abolition of the death penalty; women's human rights; rights of the child; rights of Indigenous Peoples; encouraging veto restraint in the Security Council; a more effective Human Rights Council; treaty bodies strengthening; and new Special Procedures.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

AI regularly submits statements to the Human Rights Council and information to treaty bodies, Special Procedures and the Universal Period Review (UPR). AI contributes to studies and consultations of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AI advocated for the inclusion of human rights in the Post-2015 Agenda by participating and organising side events.

3. Apne Aap Women World Wide (India) Trust

Special, 2012

Introduction

Apne Aap Women Worldwide Trust (A2W2) is an anti-sex trafficking organization, started in 2002, working with the most marginalized, prostituted and at-risk women and girls in India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

A2W2 aims to end sex-trafficking by empowering those trafficked and at-risk and seeks to dismantle the system of prostitution through policy and institutional change.

Significant changes in the organization

A2W2 President was awarded the NGO Woman of Distinction award in 2015.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A2W2 participated in advocacy that led to General Assembly resolution 68/192 on improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons of 18 December 2013. In August 2015, A2W2 screened the short film 'Meena', to honour the United Nations World Day against Trafficking in Persons. A2W2 members testified before the Justice Verma Committee on Amendments to Criminal Law. In 2015, A2W2 and the Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN) released a report that documents and assesses losses suffered by forcibly evicted families in Topsia in 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2015, the A2W2 President delivered the keynote address at the NGO Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Forum Consultation Day. The organization participated annually in side events at the CSW with organizations with similar mandates.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

In January 2014, A2W2 with 60 other victims/survivors and social justice groups wrote to urge the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) not to use the term 'sex-work' formally, and in May 2015 A2W2 representatives met with UN-Women, to ask UN-Women to issue policy recommendations through a broad-based consultative process.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- A2W2 established the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidayalaya (KGBV) residential school for girls, reserving 50% of its seats for girls at-risk of prostitution.
- In 2015, a primary school in Najafgarh was adopted with the aim to empower girls involved in and at-risk of inter-generational prostitution.
- A2W2 ran bridge and remedial classes, craft workshops, among other activities in Forbesganj (Bihar), Delhi and Kolkata.
- A2W2 participated in legislative advocacy that resulted in the passage of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 2013, which for the first time included trafficking as a criminal offense in the Indian Penal Code.
- In 2013, A2W2 started the 'Cool Men Don't Buy Sex' campaign.
- In 2014, in response to a writ petition filed by A2W2, the High Court of Bihar pronounced a comprehensive judgment which addresses sex-trafficking.
- In 2015, A2W2 served as NGO engagement partner for Priya's Shakti, a graphic novel featuring a heroine fighting to end gender-based sexual violence.
- The published the monthly newsletter Red Light Despatch featuring writings by survivors and activists, and to hold talks at its Feminism Beyond Boundaries and Terrace Talks forums with the aim of raising awareness about intersecting inequalities.

4. Architects for Peace

Special, 2012

Introduction

Architects for Peace Inc. (API) is an independent multidisciplinary forum of planners, architects, urban designers, landscape architects, engineers, environmentalists and artists working in the public domain.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organisation aims to empower spatial practitioners and local citizens to contribute to the development of urban spaces that are planned, designed and used in the interests of social equity and environmental protection.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2014, API focussed on the development and publication of a new strategic plan.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organisation actively sourced and circulated information from and about spaces of urban conflict, environmental degradation and housing issues across the globe; monitored urban development, particularly government policy decisions, processes, laws and management; campaigned against those that threaten equitable access to public space; held public talks and film screenings on issues of social justice in the built environment in collaboration with the Centre for Cultural Partnerships at the Victorian College of the Arts; and published editorials and news reflecting on socially equitable and sustainable development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

API presented at two of the Red Pacto Global Chile (United Nations Global Compact) conferences on sustainable cities "Ciudades Sostenibles: ¿Cómo impulsar el potencial de las regiones?" for the identification of the problems and shortcomings of cities and to propose a development plan.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Architects for Peace facilitated the practice of design for the public good, connecting practitioners with not-for-profit organisations in need, through a pro bono architecture programme, notably the Ligingi Community Centre, Uganda.

5. Asia Crime Prevention Foundation

General, 2000

Introduction

Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF) was established in 1982 to promote sustainable development, peace and stability in Asia and the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACPF aims to promote collaborative action-orientated research and information exchange for more effective crime prevention and criminal justice policies and practices and mutual co-operation in line with United Nations norms and guidelines.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACPF has participated in the prevention of and the fight against corruption, raising public awareness and promoting cooperation between law enforcement agencies and relevant private entities, in line with the United Nations Convention against Corruption. ACPF supported the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders' (UNAFEI's) courses, seminars and projects covering such themes as "Effective Measures for Combating: (1) Corruption; (2) Cybercrime; (3) Illicit Drugs; and (4) Human Trafficking", as well as for speedy and efficient criminal trials, protection for victims of crime and treatment of offenders.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, ACPF attended all sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice; all sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs; the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (2012); and the sixth (2012) and seventh (2014) sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the numerous side events. It also attended the regular sessions of the United Nations General Assembly and meetings of its Second, Third and Sixth Committees; the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons (2013); the High-Level General Assembly Thematic Debate on Integrating Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in the Post-2015 Development Agenda (2015); and substantive and organizational sessions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and of its functional commissions, such as the Commission on Social Development and Commission on the Status of Women. Additionally, ACPF attended the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

ACPF supported United Nations Asia and Far East Institute (UNAFEI) by (1) defraying costs of its regular international training and seminar courses; (2) providing financial assistance for various seminars and projects; and (3) bearing the expenses for the 50th Anniversary of UNAFEI and the 30th Anniversary of ACPF held jointly at the Ministry of Justice, Japan. During the annual UNAFEI International Training Course on the Criminal Justice Response to Corruption (UNCAC Training Programme), ACPF had a special session to discuss the current situation of corruption and countermeasures to the causes of corruption with course participants from 12 to 21 countries and the representatives of Global Compact Network Japan. ACPF also co-organized the public lectures by visiting experts for the UNCAC Training Programme.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

6. Asia-Japan Women's Resource Centre

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Asia-Japan Women's Resource Centre (AJWRC) was founded in 1995 to facilitate discussion and action on gender justice for women in Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AJWRC aims to end all forms of violence and discrimination against women, promote human rights and social justice, and empower women.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AJWRC organized seminars, workshops, and other public events annually, disseminated information on the internet and published journals in Japanese and English on gender equality and women's rights. It took part in campaigns for domestic worker's rights of migrant women; for meaningful participation of civil society in developing Japan's National Action Plan for the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security; and in national and regional dialogue on the 20th year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action by participating in the Asia-Pacific NGO Forum and holding seminars on Beijing+20. AJWRC also advocated for strengthening national machinery for gender equality; organized workshops and produced material on women's poverty and labour issues; advocated for gender equality and women's rights in the post 2015 development agenda and organized a series of seminars on sexual-minorities and women with disabilities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AJWRC submitted a report on the women's rights situation in Japan for the second Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Japan to the Human Rights Council. It observed the 14th Session of the UPR Working Group and contributed to the joint NGO Gender Report for the compilation of the List of issues for the 3rd periodic report of Japan on the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR). AJWRC's representatives participated in the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and organised a debriefing session on Beijing+20.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- During the reporting period, AJWRC ran a campaign on gender-based violence and foreign military bases with protests against sexual assault cases in Okinawa, media interviews, launched a campaign website and published materials.
- AJWRC actively participated in joint NGO campaigns for justice for victims of Japanese military sexual slavery with symposia and protests against disparaging statements made by Japanese public officials.
- AJWRC organized seminars on gender-based violence in Japan, the Kingdom of Cambodia, Guatemala, Hong Kong, SAR of China and the Republic of the Philippines.
- AJWRC participated in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence and Militarism with several events and held workshops on gender equality and women's rights while travelling cross-country using a self-made "Gender Education Kit".

7. Asian Consultancy on Tobacco Control

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Asian Consultancy on Tobacco Control (ACTC) is a non-profit, regional organisation established in 1989 in response to the alarming increase of tobacco use in Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACTC aims to facilitate information-sharing, experience and expertise on tobacco control amongst countries in the Asia-Pacific region, in particular working with governments in developing comprehensive national tobacco control policies, especially laws and tobacco tax.

Significant changes in the organization

ACTC membership now includes countries in the Middle East.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACTC spoke at numerous international and regional conferences; co-authored several health atlases to support tobacco control including the Tobacco Atlas (4th and 5th editions) and the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) Atlas; participated in the 15th and 16th World Conference on Tobacco or Health in multiple capacities, including as Plenary speaker, Chair, Discussant and as part of the Declaration Committee. The organisation sat on many international boards and committees, such as the Asia-Pacific Association for the Control of Tobacco (APACT), the Kadoorie study in China and the Advisory Body for the Framework Convention on Global Health; was a consultant to the Department of Health and the

Council on Smoking and Health in Hong Kong, SAR of China and a Patron of Clear the Air, Oxford Centre for International Health Research. ACTC was a member of the Non-communicable Disease Alliance (NCD Alliance) to support achievement of the targets of the 2011 United Nations High Level Meeting on non-communicable diseases, and participated in annual WHO World No Tobacco Day observances.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACTC was invited to: participate at the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) Expert level meeting to promote South-South and Triangular Cooperation; attend the 5th and 6th sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC; and attend and speak at the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Committee Meeting.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

ACTC works to support the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

8. Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development

Special, 2004

Introduction

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum-Asia) is a membership-based regional human rights organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Forum works to promote and protect all human rights including the right to development through collaboration and cooperation among human rights defenders and organizations in Asia.

Significant changes in the organization

The Forum now has 58 member organisations from 19 countries in South Asia, Southeast and Northeast Asia, and has added staff in Jakarta to facilitate engagement with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and in Kathmandu to engage with efforts to build a regional human rights mechanism for South Asia.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Forum contributed to the advancement of the human rights agenda through advocacy, capacity building and networking initiatives for the protection

and promotion of human rights on the ground. Training and documentation initiatives contributed to empowering Asian human rights defenders and organisations to effectively engage with United Nations human rights mechanisms such as the Human Rights Council and its Universal Periodic Review, Special Procedures, and Treaty Bodies. In 2015, as part of its 25th anniversary commemorations, the Forum organised a series of civil society consultations on the Future of Human Rights in Asia to discuss protection and promotion of human rights in the context of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals. It also held a series of consultations to prepare a civil society submission to the High Level Task Force on the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Forum participated in the regular and special sessions, and working group sessions of the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council through written submissions, oral statements and parallel events. It also contributed to the intergovernmental process on strengthening the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Forum was invited to collaborate with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to organise the Roundtable Discussion on "Working together to address civic space in Asia and the Pacific" within the framework of UNDP's new initiative on Supporting Peaceful and Inclusive Societies in Asia-Pacific.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2013 the Forum co-launched an annual training programme called "Glocal Leadership Advocacy in Asia Academy" (GALA Asia) to develop advocacy capacity of Asian stakeholders and facilitate strategic global and local action on key human rights, development and democracy issues as well as related regional and international processes.

9. Asociación de Amigos de las Naciones Unidas

Special, 2012

Introduction

Asociación de Amigos de las Naciones Unidas (ANUE/UNA-Spain), was founded in Barcelona in 1962 and is a member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA).

Aims and purposes of the organization

UNA-Spain aims to promote the work of the United Nations, spread knowledge about the United Nations system, and make people aware its values.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Some examples of UNA-Spain's contributions include: the development of a UNA-Spain Peace Prize; a seminar entitled, "Citizen Happiness and Sustainable Development"; a conference about Reform of the United Nations; a course on Protection of Human Rights in the United Nations System; annual commemorations of the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of United Nations Day; a seminar on Responsible investments: companies and international cooperation for development; a side event during the 24th Session of the Human Rights Council entitled, "Femicide and Human Rights"; and a conference on the contribution of the local governments and the Agenda of Sustainable Development of 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

UNA-Spain conducted awareness campaigns and exhibitions to sensitise people and attract their interest on the aims of the United Nations for implementation of the MDGs, as well as the incorporation of the new Agenda 2030. These included a conference on "Responsible Investments: Companies and International Cooperation for Development" (March 2013) and a roundtable on the "Effects of the Economic Crisis on the Implementation of Human Rights" (May 2013).

10. Asociación Regional de Empresas de Petroleo y Gas Natural en Latinoamérica y el Caribe

Special, 1976

Introduction

Founded in 1965, Asociacion Regional de Empresas de Petroleo y Gas Natural en Latinoamerica y el Caribe (ARPEL) is a non-profit association of companies and institutions of the oil, gas and biofuels sector in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ARPEL's mission is to promote industry integration, growth, continuous operational improvement and effective management of environmental and social

issues, and to seek ways to maximize its contribution to sustainable energy development in the region.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ARPEL contributed to the United Nations in various ways: it conducted workshops and courses on plans and preparations for the response to oil spills; compiled best practices in human talent and knowledge management; prepared environmental and social performance standards for the extractive industry; established environmental benchmarking indicators; and focused on business and human rights issues, governance, risk and compliance, and corporate social responsibility.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ARPEL attended the Rio+20 Conference, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) meeting on quality of fuels and atmospheric emissions and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the AVINA Foundation's symposium on climate change.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

ARPEL conducted oil spills contingency planning with the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Centre for the Wider Caribbean (REMPEITC-Caribbean) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO). ARPEL was a member of the Steering Committee of REMPEITC-Caribbean and the industry focal point for the International Maritime Organization/International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IMO/IPIECA) Global Initiative in Latin America.

ARPEL submitted comments on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Business Reference Guide (2013) and provided United Nations organizations a forum to share their work and expectations from the Latin American and Caribbean oil and gas industry through ARPEL's biannual conferences. ARPEL is also a member of the United Nations Global Compact.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ARPEL co-developed a Regional Energy Agenda to foster collaboration and further energy access and sustainability in the Region; provided tools for governments and industry to measure the level of oil spills preparedness and response at national level; and developed documents for participatory monitoring of socio-environmental management in areas inhabited by indigenous communities.

11. Association for Social and Environmental Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Association for Social and Environmental Development (ASED) is a non-profit organization that targets youth in India to enhance capacity for nature conservation and for planning and accomplishing complex projects.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ASED aims to achieve biodiversity enhancement through public awareness, action research and people's participation.

Significant changes in the organization

ASED expanded to include areas in North Bengal and the National Capital Region in India. Additionally, ASED's funding base increased to include small grants.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ASED worked to support environmental sustainability, gender equality and building resilience among communities that live in areas that are under high risk of climate change-influenced disasters. It made an effort to incorporate disadvantaged social groups into its projects to encourage a spirit of cooperation and foster social connections between all people in the community. ASED carried out knowledge development and capacity enhancement workshops with youth to engender environmental consciousness and the skills needed to transform that consciousness into action in rural and urban environments across India.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ASED submitted statements at the 2013 Economic and Social Council Substantive Session and at the Annual Ministerial Review.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

ASED conducted a Marine and Coastal Education and Awareness Camp for Students through the World Conservation Union/United Nations Development Programme (IUCN/UNDP) project, Mangroves For the Future, with support from the Forestry Department of West Bengal. Students and teachers received hands-on orientation to the biodiversity of the Sundarbans World Heritage Site and training to carry out basic conservation practices in their communities. It also attended a Project Cycle Management workshop organised by IUCN/UNDP to understand proposal design and create reporting mechanisms for youth nature leaders in order to increase the resilience of coastal communities in the Rajnagar block of Odisha.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- ASED provided leadership training to over 600 young women in villages in the Sundarbans Biosphere Reserve with the aim to increase attendance and participation in school and impart leadership and project management skills to give the young women voice in their community.
- ASED developed a participatory model of environmental conservation where the goals, methods and mechanisms of conservation are planned by youth of the local community, with technical support provided in keeping with the goals and objectives identified by the youth.
- Through its school-based environmental conservation projects, ASED has planted over 20,000 trees, created biodiversity registers on two Sundarbans islands, campaigned for cleaner energy, led students to record urban biodiversity and create habitats for urban wildlife in India's major cities.

12. Association for the Prevention of Torture

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT) is an international NGO founded in 1977 to prevent torture and ill-treatment.

Aims and purposes of the organization

APT seeks to ensure respect for the international norms prohibiting torture and to reinforce the means for preventing ill-treatment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, APT promoted universal ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT) and its Optional Protocol (OPCAT); published tools and supported workshops and training for UNCAT ratification; supported national processes on criminalization of torture and cooperated with national partners to develop training curricula and publish guides on anti-torture laws. It hosted an annual Symposium for National Preventive Mechanisms, where specific questions of vulnerability in detention for children (2014) and LGBTI (2015), were examined. On Human Rights Day, 2015, APT co-hosted the exhibition on "Torture, the International Outlaw" in the Visitor's Centre at United Nations Headquarters.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the 68th to the 70th regular sessions of the General Assembly, APT organised side events with the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel,

inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and the Chairpersons of the Committee against Torture and the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture, and advocated for adoption of the bi-annual resolution on torture. In 2015 APT participated in the World Congress of Juvenile Justice and contributed to the session on prevention of institutional violence. In 2014 APT joined a panel on prevention at the Human Rights Council to raise awareness among States of how to reflect better prevention policies and strategies at all levels. In 2012 APT participated in multiple open-ended intergovernmental working group meetings of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Crime Commission, to revise the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

In 2015, APT held briefings with the Committee against Torture on LGBTI in detention, and offered advice on the exclusion of torture-tainted information. APT actively cooperates and supports the work of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and the work of the Special Rapporteur through the regular submission of information prior to in-country visits, and oral and written briefings on draft thematic reports. It has a close partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and has jointly developed tools such as 'A Practical Manual on Monitoring Immigration Detention' (2014) and supporting implementation of UNHCR's Global Strategy-Beyond Detention 2014-2019 by collaborating in the planning and development of networks and capacity-building activities.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- APT collaborated with Member States to launch the 10 year Convention against Torture Initiative in 2014.
- It worked with the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions to reinforce their role and capacity in sustainable human rights development, and to foster a regional dynamic on torture prevention.
- It published 'Women in detention: a guide to gender-sensitive monitoring', in 2013 as part of a package of tools for monitoring bodies.

13. Association of Families and Women in Rural Areas

Special, 2004

Introduction

Association of Families and Women in Rural Areas (AFAMMER) was founded in 1982 to pursue rights and equal opportunities for women living in rural areas.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AFAMMER works to improve the situation of women living in rural areas, trying to improve their quality of life and fighting for them to achieve the necessary

conditions for sustainable development with the aim of avoiding the exodus of young women to urban areas.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization focussed the content of its magazine, *Afammer* on United Nations agenda topics, and included reports on the organization's participation in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). The Spring 2015 edition of the magazine featured a special report about AFAMMER's I International Congress on "The Voice of Rural Women in the World". AFAMMER also prepared policy statements for the annual observances of International Women's Day, International Day of Rural Women and International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AFAMMER participated in the 56th to the 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

14. Association of the Indigenous Peoples in the Ryukyus

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Association of the Indigenous Peoples in the Ryukyus (AIPR) was established in 1999 to restore the right to self-determination of the Ryukyu Peoples.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization aims to advance, promote and restore the right to self-determination of the Ryukyu peoples in cooperation with indigenous organizations, international organizations and citizens' organizations around the world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Under the Early Warning Measures and Urgent Procedures mechanism of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), AIPR submitted an initial and a follow-up report related to the construction of a United States Military base in Okinawa, Japan, in March 2012. It held symposia and study meetings on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in cooperation with the International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR) in order to promote understanding of the Declaration. The organization also attended several regional meetings related to Indigenous Peoples and co-organized the 2015 East Asia Regional Meeting of Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AIPR representatives attended the 11th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; the 5th session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; the Global Indigenous Preparatory Conference for the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, 2014; the 6th session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

AIPR also attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20); attended and submitted a statement at the 21st session of the Human Rights Council; submitted a written statement to the 111th session of the Human Rights Committee with the NGO Network for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (ERD Net), Japan; attended and submitted a joint statement to the 85th session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination with ERD Net, Japan; and participated in the follow-up meetings for the 10th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP10).

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

15. Baltic Sea Forum

Special, 2008

Introduction

Baltic Sea Forum e.V. is a non-profit organization which supports economic, political and cultural co-operation in the Baltic Sea region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Forum is focused on reducing poverty in its countries of operation by transferring knowledge about the profitability of the sustainable transport sector.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Forum participated at the Global Forum on Human Settlements 2013 Global Human Settlements Award Ceremony.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the 50th to the 53rd sessions of the Commission for Social Development and the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women. It contributed to the 2013 Civil Society Forum of the Economic and Social Council; was a member of the Steering Committee for the 20-23 March 2013 conference on Advancing the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda; and participated in the High-Level Dialogue on Implementing Rio+20 Decisions on Sustainable Cities and Transport.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.